



## Rear Admiral John P. Nadeau

Assistant Commandant for Capability  
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral John Nadeau is the Assistant Commandant for Capability. He is responsible for identifying and sourcing new and extended capabilities, competencies, and capacity to meet U.S. Coast Guard mission requirements. In addition, he leads the development of service-wide policy for staffing, training, equipping, sustaining, and employing platforms, equipment and people.

Rear Admiral Nadeau previously served as the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Center and led the review and approval of plans for the design, construction, alteration and repair of U.S. and foreign flag commercial vessels subject to U.S. laws, regulations and international standards. In addition, he was responsible for approval of security plans for all U.S. vessels and managed the Coast Guard's Salvage Engineering Response Team (SERT), which provides Coast Guard operational commanders with emergency salvage engineering assistance and post-casualty forensic engineering analysis.



Other assignments include Chief of Inspections at Marine Safety Office Corpus Christi, Texas, Senior Investigating Officer at Activities Baltimore, Maryland, and Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Wilmington, North Carolina, where he served as the Captain of the Port, Federal On Scene Coordinator, and Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. As Chief of the Office of Design and Engineering Standards at Coast Guard Headquarters, he was responsible for the development of safety and environmental protection standards for commercial shipping and offshore oil and gas activity, and represented the U.S. as Head of Delegation at the International Maritime Organization.

A native of Saco, Maine, Rear Admiral Nadeau graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1989 and obtained advanced degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan in 2003. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Homeland Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2007, and is licensed as a Professional Engineer in Virginia.

He was recognized as the U.S. Coast Guard's "Engineer of the Year" in 1998 and his military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Transportation 9/11 Medal.